

January 9, 2002

Federal Communications Commission Secretary
Magalie Roman Salas
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445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: File No. NSD-L-01-161 and CC Docket No. 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing in strong opposition to the use of eleven digit dialing in the 847 area code. I supported the Citizen's Utility Board petition for a permanent waiver my constituents are very concerned about this change.

This is a very important issue for my district and I have received many calls from unhappy businesspeople and citizens. There should be a more efficient method of using the great number of unused 847 area codes rather than requiring a new overlay area code.

Telecommunication companies are likely to use the allotted available phone numbers at a slow pace, so it would be quite some time before any 224 numbers are assigned. Based on current availability of phone numbers, competitor companies should not be at a disadvantage in this market.

Although the change to 11 digit dialing has already commenced, I wanted to express our dissatisfaction with this situation. Please accept these late filed comments on this very critical subject.

Sincerely,

Susan Garrett
State Representative—59th District

Cc: Carmell Weathers, Network Services Division